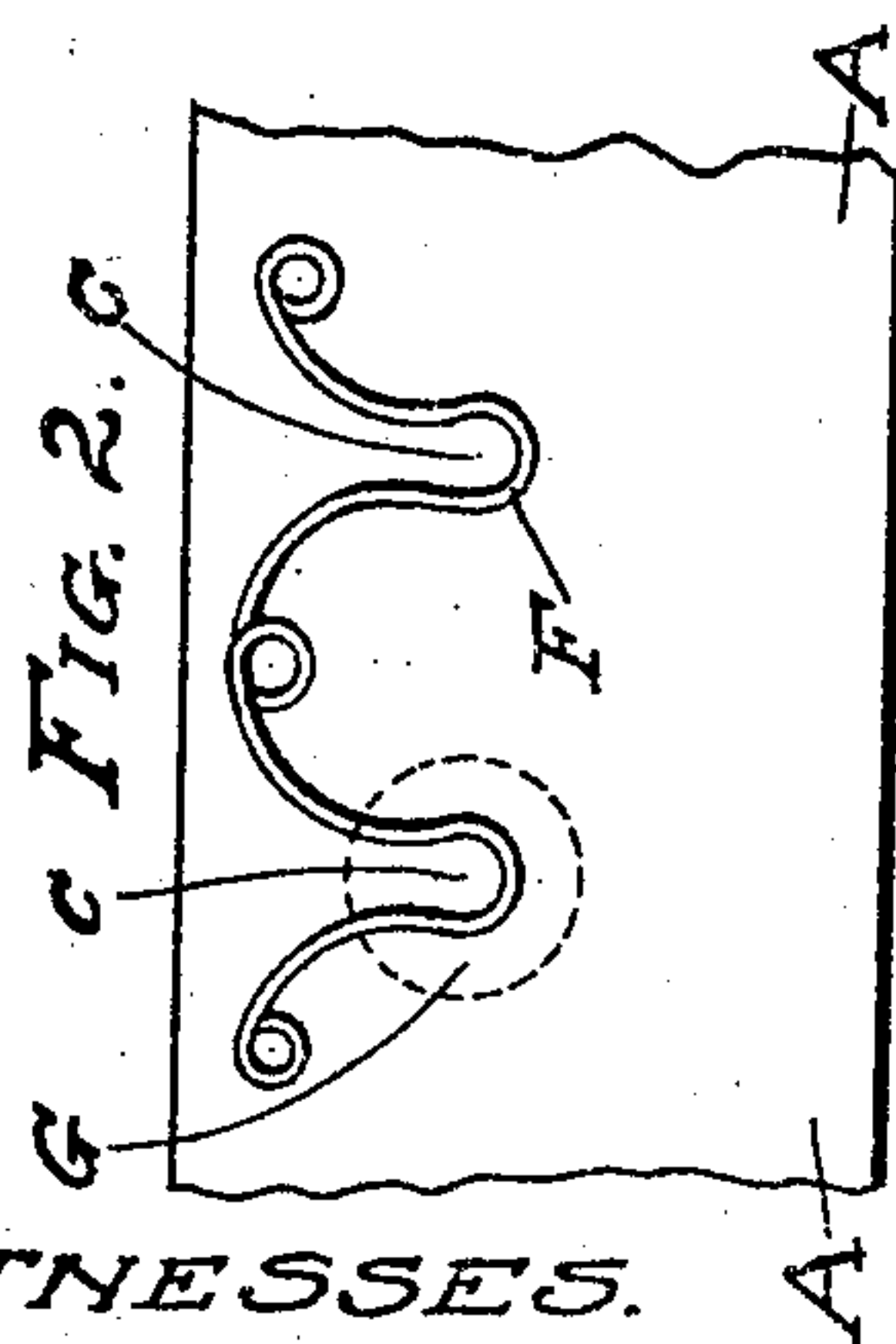
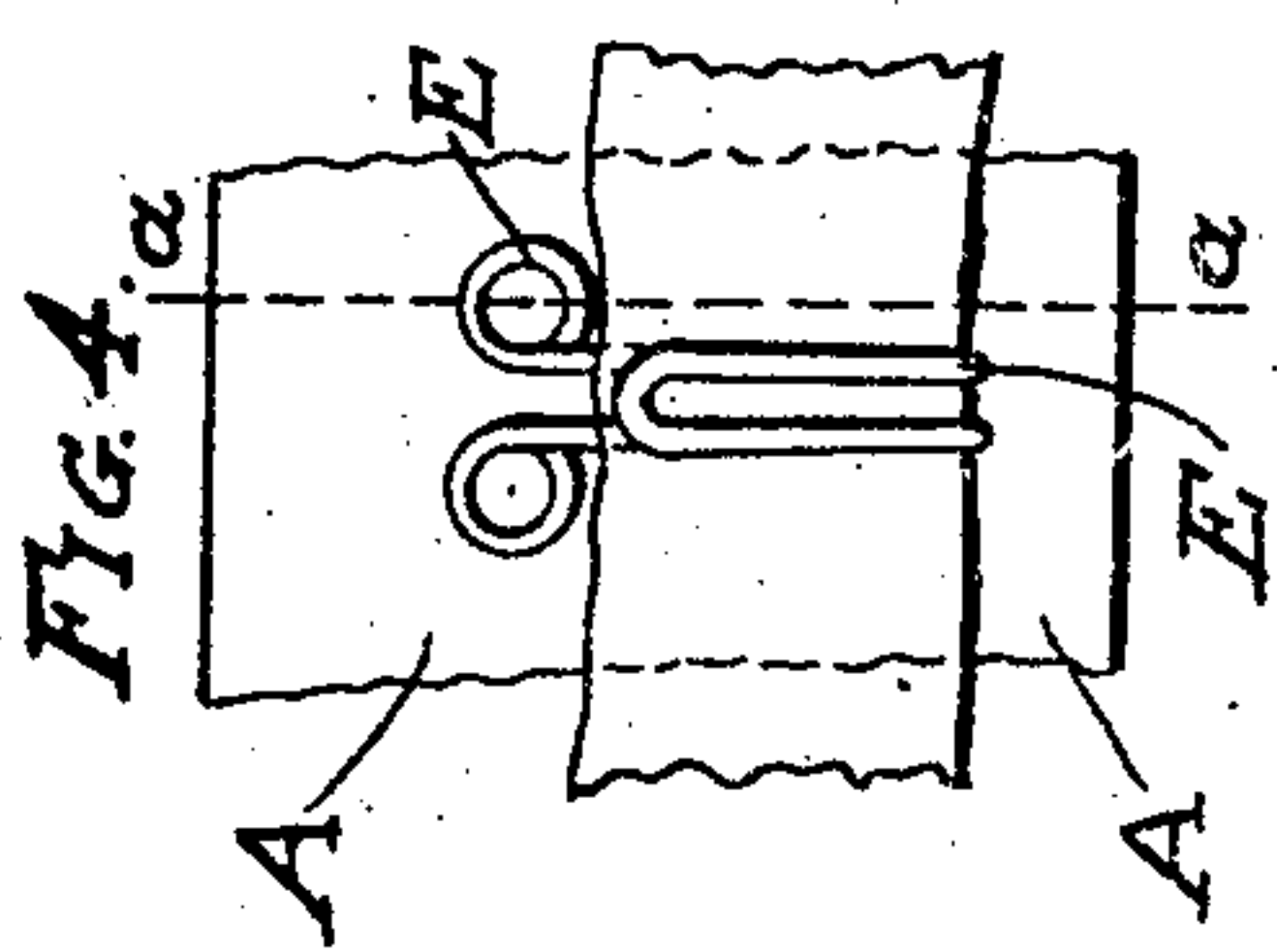
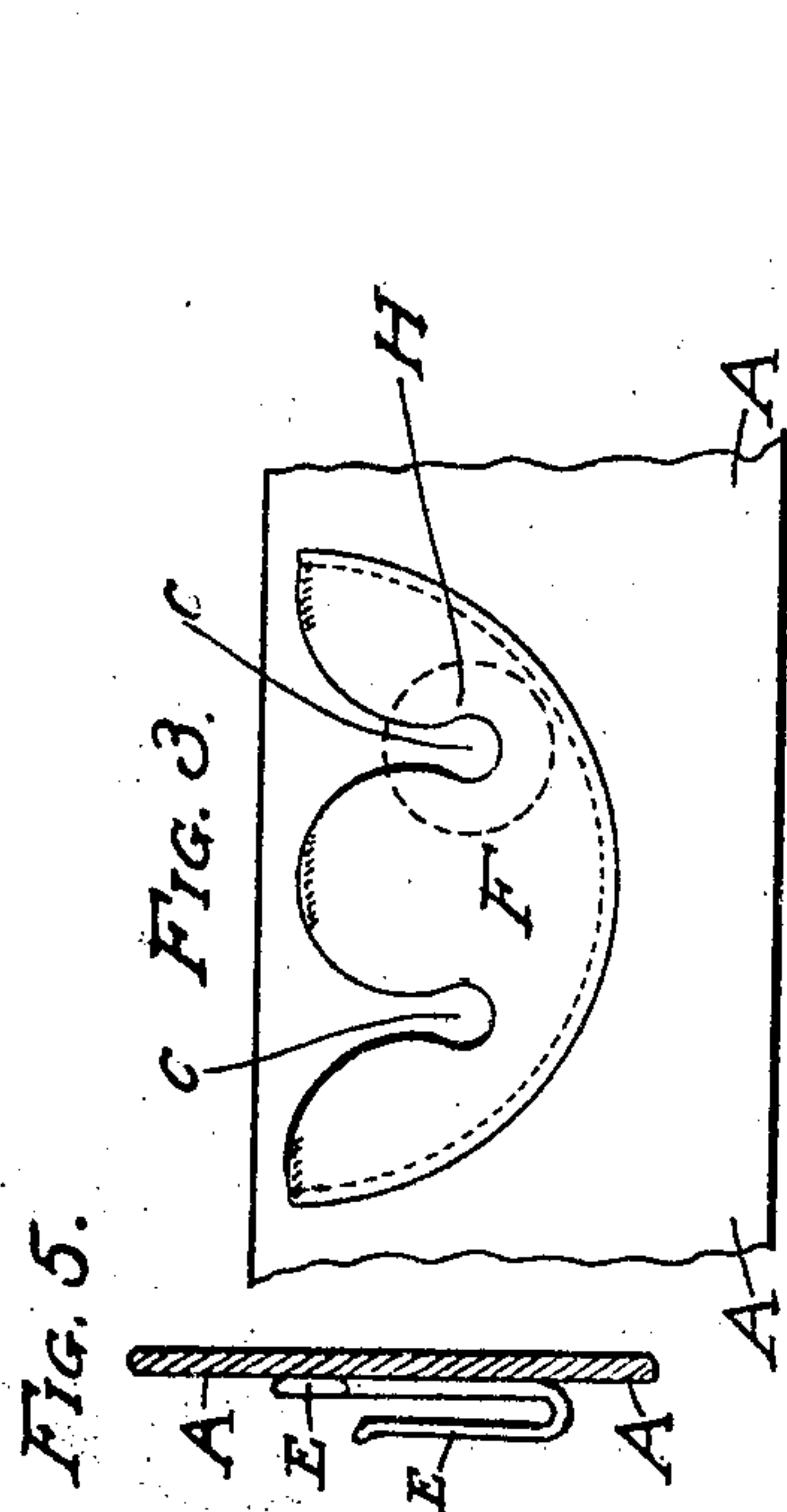


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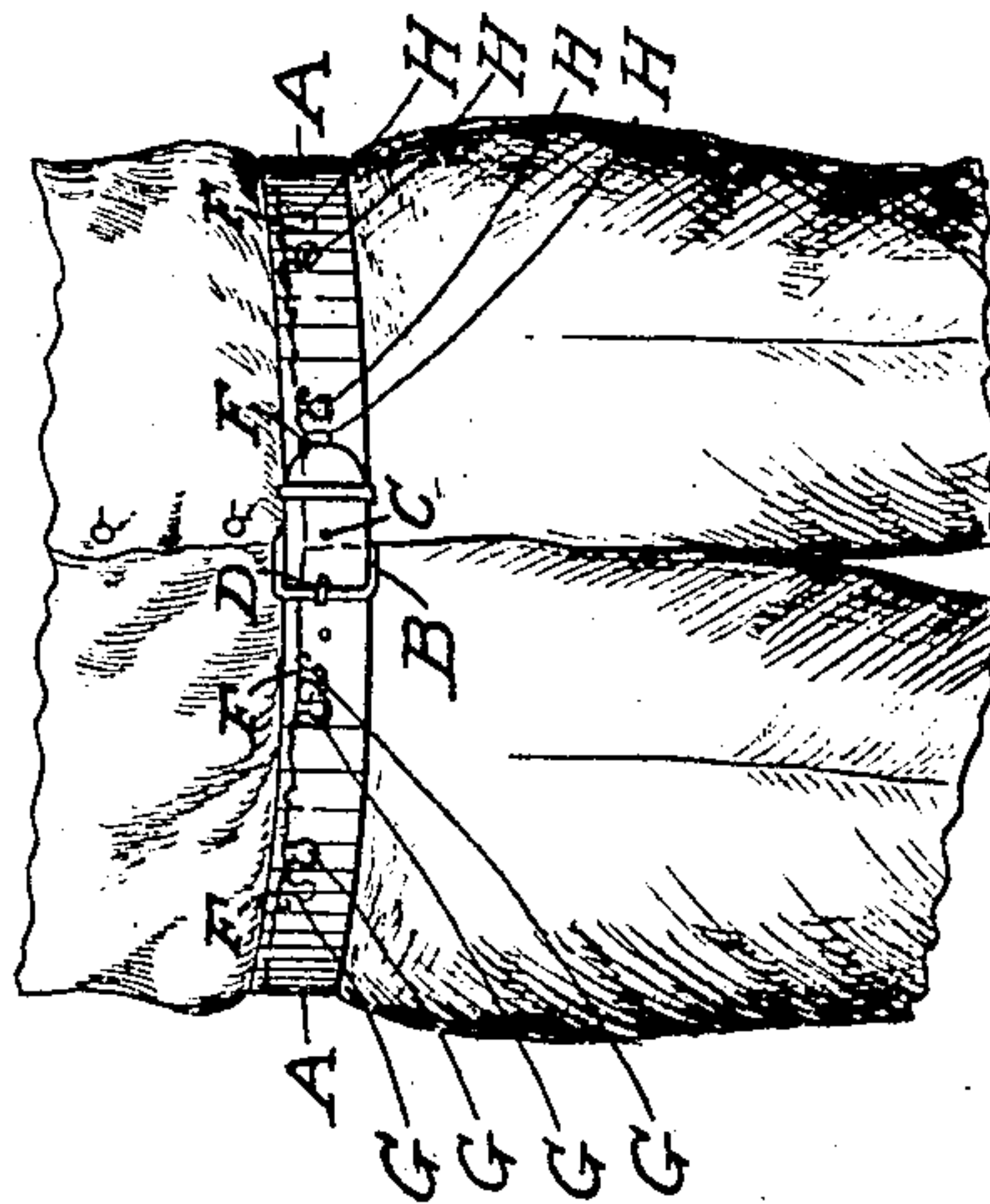
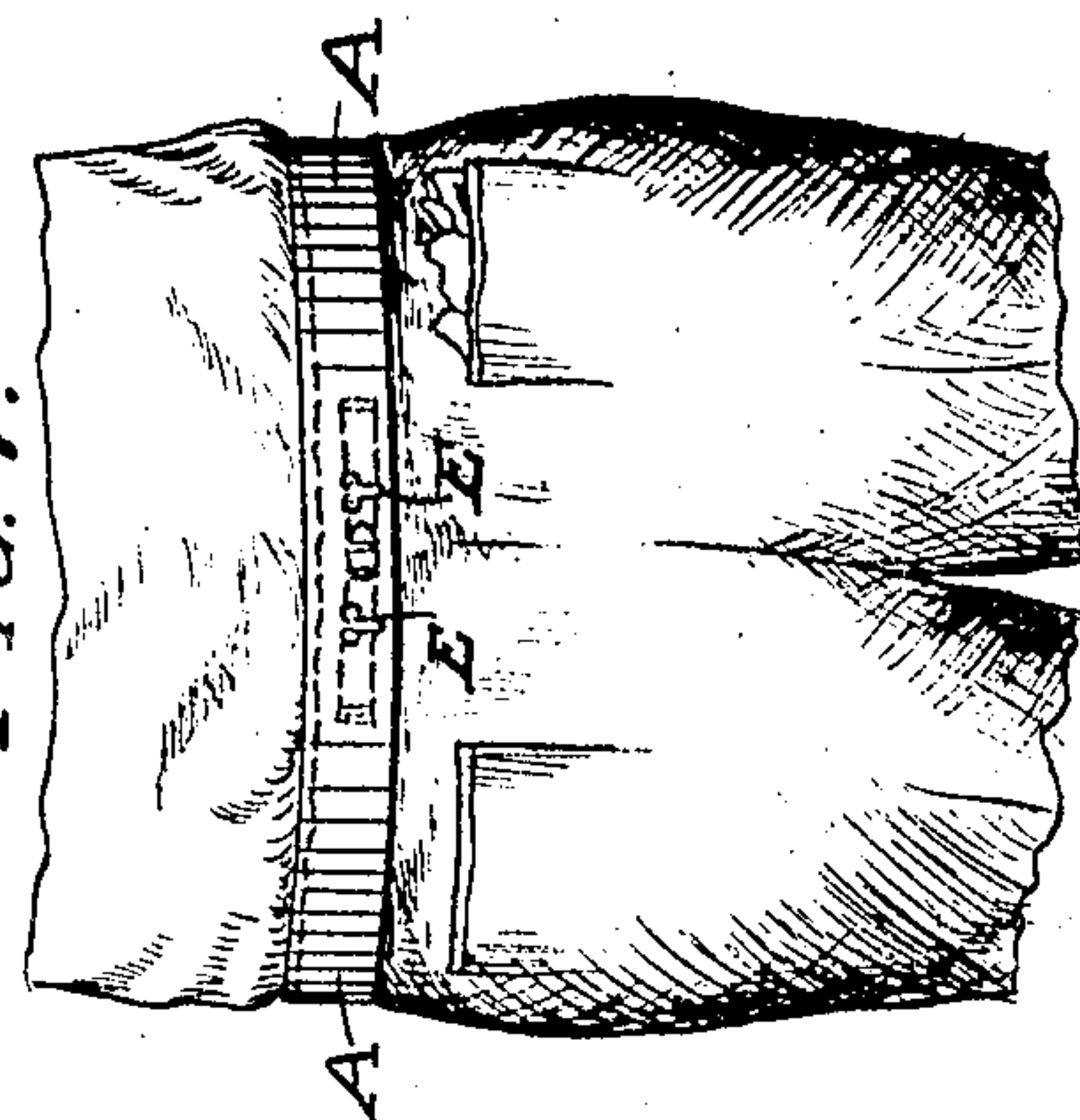
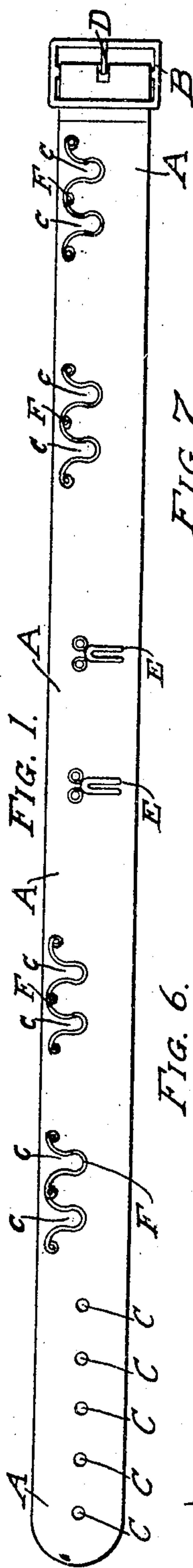
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANC O. WOOD, of South Pasadena, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporting Belts, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description or specification, reference being had to the annexed drawings and the letters and figures marked thereon.

My said invention which relates to the waist suspension of articles of wearing apparel, has for its object to securely suspend such articles from the waist of the wearer, without compression of the waist, such as that which is experienced when wearing waist belts such as hitherto have been used for holding up trousers and drawers without ordinary shoulder braces or suspenders.

My said invention is also applicable for suspending and fastening round the waist, articles of wearing apparel worn by women, and without compression such as is due to the methods or means of fastening at the waist, female wearing apparel at present used

My invention consists of a flat belt or band of such length as is requisite for encompassing the clothes of the wearer at the waist region of the abdominal portion of the human body, and it is provided with fastenings at each end thereof for enabling the ends to be engaged with or disengaged from each other.

What constitutes my invention is the application to the inner flat face of a belt or band of one, two, or more hooks, whereinto a strap usually constituting a tightening device at the center of the rear of a pair of trousers, and some kinds of skirts, is entered or passed, so that the strap is held or supported vertically flatwise at the rear, and the application to the inner flat face of the belt or band, and near the ends thereof, of suspending loops which engage with the buttons at the front and sides of the articles of wearing apparel being worn.

On the annexed drawings, Figure 1, is an elevation of my improved belt or band, showing hooks at the rear for engaging with the strap of the trousers, or other article of wearing apparel, and the suspending loops for engaging with the buttons at the front and side parts of the trousers or other article of wearing apparel to be worn suspendedly, and without inconvenient abdominal com-

pression by my said improved belt or band.

Fig. 2, is an enlarged or full sized detail drawing of one form of construction of the fastener, placed on and fastened to the interior of the belt. This fastener is made of metallic wire.

Fig. 3, is a corresponding view of the fastener shown at Fig. 2, with the difference that instead of being formed of wire, the fastener shown at Fig. 3, is formed of a flat piece of leather, vulcanite, thin metal, or any other suitable material.

Fig. 4, is an elevation of a part of the interior face of the belt or band, showing one of the rear fastening hooks and a portion of the rear tightening belt of a pair of trousers placed therein.

Fig. 5, is a transverse section of the belt and fastener on the dotted line *a, a*, Fig. 4. Fig. 6, is a front elevation of a portion of the abdominal region and legs of the human body, showing my new or improved belt or band applied thereto for the fastening and suspension around the waist, and without compression, by my new or improved belt or band.

Fig. 7, is a rear elevation of a portion of the abdominal region and legs of the human body, showing the rear tightening belt of the trousers placed in the hooks at the rear of the trousers or other article of wearing apparel.

With reference to the foregoing drawings, the belt or band itself is marked A. At one end thereof, the buckle B, is fastened by sewing or riveting, or otherwise, and at the other end holes C, are formed for engaging with the tag D, of the buckle, when the belt or band is fastened around the human body for the purpose of suspending the article or articles of wearing apparel to be attached thereto. At or near the center of length of the inside face of the belt or band A, the hooks E, E, are fastened, as shown at Figs. 1, 4, and 5, and at those portions of the inner face of the said belt or band situated between the central rear portion and the ends of the belt, the wire loops F, F, F, F, are fastened, as shown at Fig. 1, and at Fig. 2. By preference these hooks F, F, F, F, are each constructed with two loops, *c, c*, and there are two pairs of such fastenings F, at each end of the belt or band, as shown at Fig. 1. The object for placing two of each of the loop fastenings F, at each end of the inner face of the belt or band, is to render easy the entry of the buttons shown in dotted lines marked G, and H, respectively, at Figs. 2 and 3, also shown dotted on a smaller scale at Fig. 6.

By providing such number of loops C, the buttons G, and H, fastened to the wearing apparel are slipped downwards into the space between the leather of the belt or band 5 A, and the fastening F, Figs. 1 and 2, or into the corresponding loops in the fastening of different material, shown at Fig. 3.

It is to be understood that it is not essential to use a buckle and fastening holes for 10 joining the ends of the belt or band, as any of the numerous other belt fasteners commonly known and used, may be used instead of the fastening illustrated by the annexed drawings.

15 Having now described the nature of my said invention, and the best system, mode or manner I am at present acquainted with for carrying the same into practical effect, I desire to observe in conclusion that what I 20 consider to be novel and original, and therefore claim as the invention to be secured to me by Letters Patent, is as follows:

The wearing apparel abdominal suspending device, consisting of the combination of a 25 flat flexible belt or band having rear attach-

ments of upturned hooks and lateral-frontal attachments each consisting of rigid duplex looped engagers for the buttons between the front and rear of the belt or band, the front 30 attachments having two entrances at the top thereof, the rear and front attachments being arranged so that they respectively engage with the rear strap and buttons at the fronts and sides of trousers and other articles 35 of wearing apparel, and being rigidly constructed and fastened preventing horizontal sliding movement of the buttons so that one or more articles of wearing apparel may be suspended upon the abdominal region of the 40 human body without compression of the abdomen, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof, I, the said FRANC O. WOOD, have hereunto set my hand and seal at Los Angeles aforesaid, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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